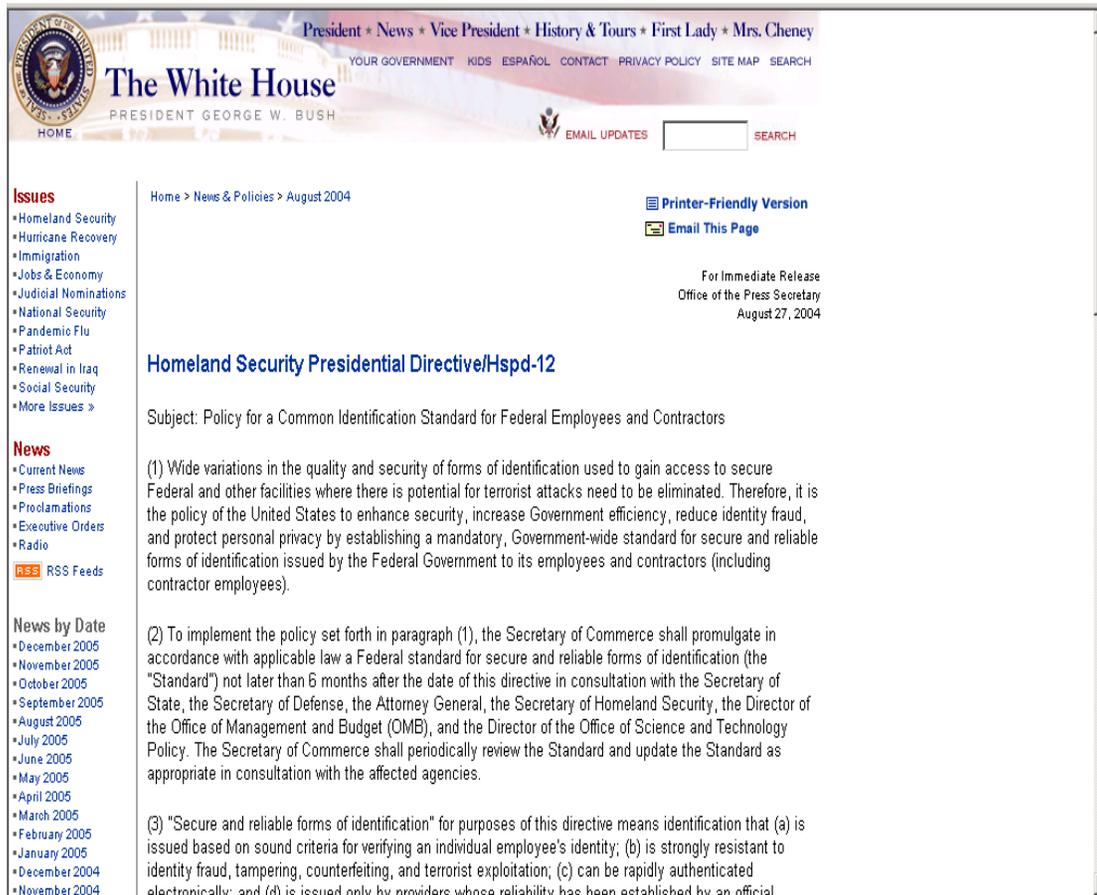




**HSPD-12**  
**Homeland Security Presidential Directive #12**  
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# About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



The screenshot shows the White House website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for President, News, Vice President, History & Tours, First Lady, and Mrs. Cheney. Below this is the White House logo and the name of the President, George W. Bush. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home > News & Policies > August 2004. The title of the page is "Homeland Security Presidential Directive/Hspd-12". The subject line reads: "Subject: Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors". The text of the directive is displayed in three paragraphs, detailing the policy for a common identification standard and the implementation process. The page also includes a "Printer-Friendly Version" link, an "Email This Page" link, and a "For Immediate Release" notice from the Office of the Press Secretary dated August 27, 2004. On the left side, there are sections for "Issues" and "News" with various sub-links.

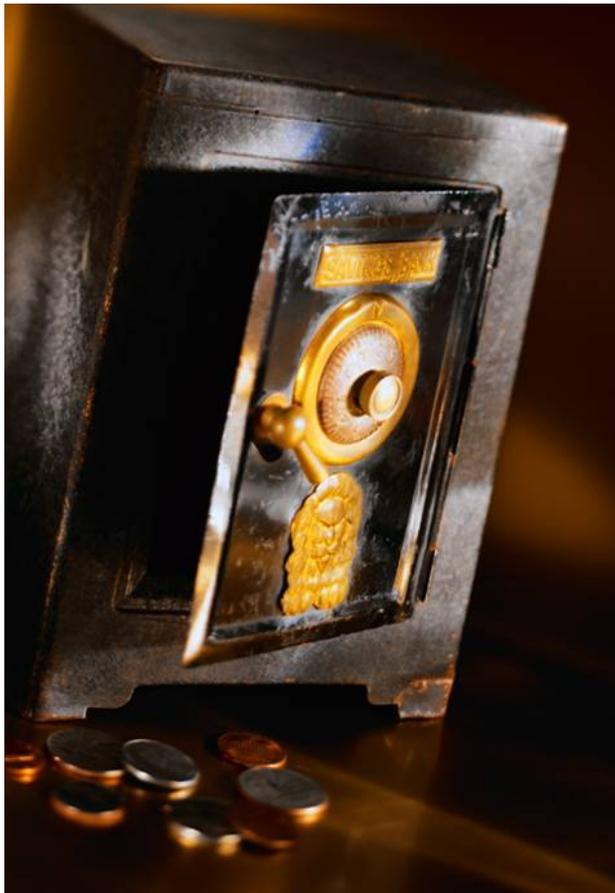
## HSPD-12 Stands for Homeland Security Presidential Directive #12.

- **HSPD-12 is the Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.**
- **It was issued on August 27, 2004.**





## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



- **HSPD-12 goals are to:**
  - **Enhance security**
  - **Reduce identity fraud**
  - **Protect personal privacy**
  - **Leverage logical (computer) and physical (building access) security through one identification card**

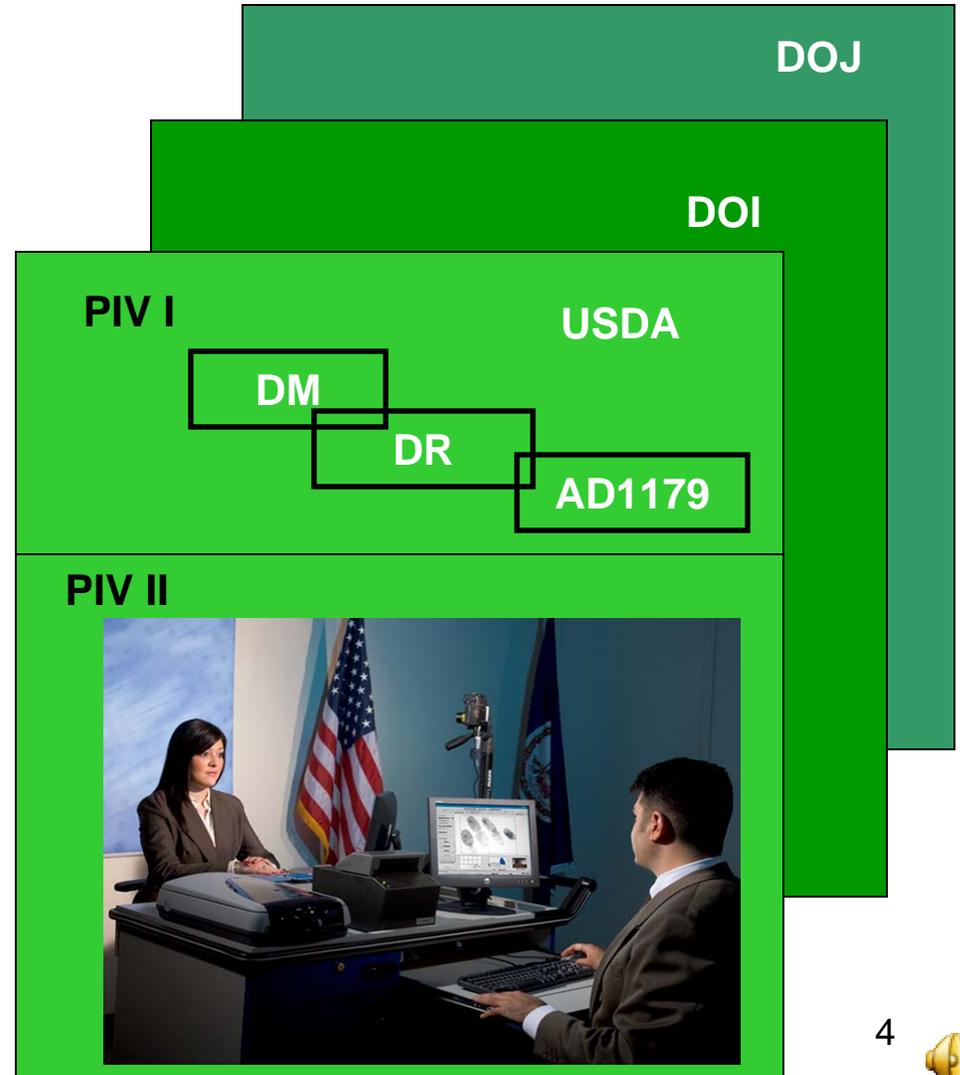


# About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

HSPD-12



FIPS 201





## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



**The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) developed standards associated with HSPD-12.**

**The standards are described in a document called FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standards) Publication 201 “Personal Identity Verification (PIV) of Federal Employees and Contractors”.**



## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



**HSPD-12 directs the heads of executive departments and agencies to develop a plan to ensure their common ID cards meet the standard.**

### **Major Areas of Agency Responsibility:**

- 1. Background investigations and identity verification.**
- 2. Creating and distributing new ID cards which meet the NIST standards.**
- 3. Using the new card for physical and logical (computer system) access.**

**Each of these responsibilities has a different timeline for implementation.**





## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



The employees and contractors who are required to have a card must obtain (or, currently possess) a successfully adjudicated **National Agency Check with Inquiries (NACI)** or higher background investigation in order to receive the card.

\* **NACI's have been a requirement for employees since 1953**





## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12



**Federal Agencies must have a system in place to begin issuing ID cards that are compliant with the standards by October 27, 2006 .**

**USDA's new card will be called the LincPass, in honor of President Lincoln, founder of the Department of Agriculture.**

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### A LincPass includes:

- Information printed on the card (photograph, name, Agency etc.)
- Two fingerprint captures
- Unique card identifier
- Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- Authentication certificate

Not all employees and contractors will require a LincPass. Some may require only a Site badge or a Visitor badge.



## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

Final definitions for the LincPass are still in progress, but it is likely to include several variations to distinguish categories of USDA Applicants



\* Proposed





## Test your Knowledge on Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

### QUIZ

HSPD-12 stands for:

- A. High Speed Physical Disk #12
- B. Home Station Pass Document #12
- C. Homeland Security Presidential Directive #12



### ANSWER

- C. Homeland Security Presidential Directive #12





## Test your Knowledge on Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

### QUIZ

HSPD-12 applies to :

- A. All Federal Agencies
- B. USDA, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Defense only
- C. USDA

### ANSWER

- A. All Federal Agencies



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## Test your Knowledge on Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

### QUIZ

By which date must all Federal Agencies have a system in place to begin issuing ID cards that are compliant with the standards?

- A. January 1, 2007
- B. October 27, 2006
- C. October 27, 2007

### ANSWER

- B. October 27, 2006





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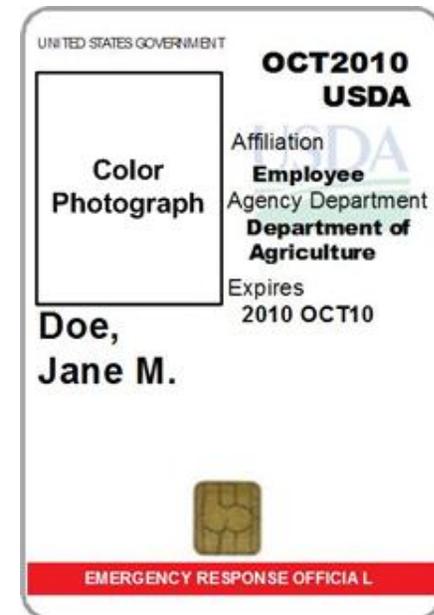
### QUIZ

All employees and all contractors who are required to have a “LincPass” must obtain a successfully adjudicated **National Agency Check with Inquiries (NACI)** or higher background investigation clearance in order to receive the “LincPass”.

- A. True
- B. False

ANSWER

- A. True



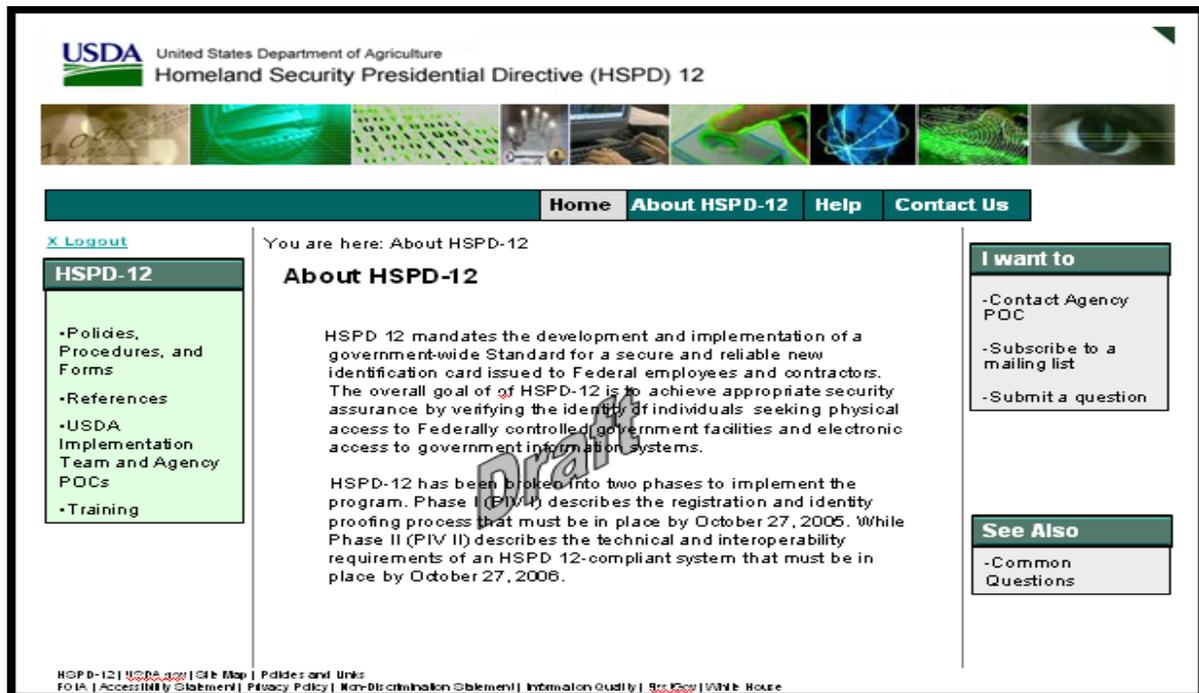


## About Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 12

To stay informed, visit the USDA HSPD-12 website.

More informational chapters to come, stay tuned for our next installment on the “Benefits of HSPD-12”

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### About HSPD-12

HSPD 12 mandates the development and implementation of a government-wide Standard for a secure and reliable new identification card issued to Federal employees and contractors. The overall goal of of HSPD-12 is to achieve appropriate security assurance by verifying the identity of individuals seeking physical access to Federally controlled government facilities and electronic access to government information systems.

HSPD-12 has been broken into two phases to implement the program. Phase I (PIV I) describes the registration and identity proofing process that must be in place by October 27, 2005. While Phase II (PIV II) describes the technical and interoperability requirements of an HSPD 12-compliant system that must be in place by October 27, 2006.

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